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SUBJ: RHODESIA: SC MEETING ON UK RESOLUTION SEPTEMBER 28

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SUMMARY: AT SC MEETING SEPTEMBER 28 UK PRESENTED ITS
RESOLUTION SEEKING SC APPROVAL TO SEND SYG REPRESENTATIVE
TO EXPLORE MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS IN RHODESIA. US
SECONDED RESOLUTION. PATRIOTIC FRONT CO-LEADER JOSHUA
NKOMO THEN GAVE MODERATE STATEMENT OF PF GENERAL VIEWS,
ECDORSING RESOLUTION BUT URGING THAT SYG CONSULT WITH

SC AND PARTIES INVOLVED IN CONFLICT ON APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF SYG REPRESENTATIVE. INDIA, MAURITIUS, BENIN, CANADA, FRANCE, PANAMA, VENEZUELA AND PAKISTAN ALL SUPPORTED RESOLUTION. ROMANIAN SPEECH WAS NON-COMMITAL. IN SUSPENSION OF FORMAL MEETING, UK PRESSED FOR VOTE SEPTEMBER 28. USSR WANTED SEPTEMBER 30. COUNCIL FINALLY AGREED ON AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 29 AS TIME FOR NEXT SESSION AT WHICH VIEWS FROM USSR, CHINA AND LIBYA WOULD BE HEARD. KENYA ALSO HAS REQUESTED TO SPEAK. WITH LUCK, RESOLUTION SHOULD BE PUT TO VOTE AND PASS SEPT. 29, ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE AMENDED TO REFLECT NKOMO'S REQUEST FOR SYG CONSULTATIONS WITH SC AND PARTIES INVOLVED IN CONFLICT ON APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF SYG REP. END SUMMARY

1. SECURITY COUNCIL MET AT 3:00 PM SEPTEMBER 27 TO CONSIDER UK RESOLUTION ON SENDING SYG REPRESENTATIVE TO RHODESIA (SEE PARA 9 FOR TEXT AS PRESENTED). FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN ASKED MEMBERS FOR POSITIVE VOTE, NOTING ONCE AGAIN LIMITED NATURE OF UK RESOLUTION.

2. PATRIOTIC FRONT CO-LEADER JOSHUA NKOMO THEN SPOKE, REMINDING MEMBERS THAT IT HAD ONLY BEEN ARMED STRUGGLE THAT HAD FORCED EVENTS TO THE POINT WHERE THEY NOW STOOD. FOLLOWING MODERATE STATEMENT ON PF GENERAL VIEWS ON RHODESIA, NKOMO SAID THAT, SINCE UK RESOLUTION WAS LIMITED, PF WOULD OFFER ITS VIEWS ON OVERALL PROPOSAL
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AT APPROPRIATE TIME. PF WANTED RESOLUTION NOW BEFORE SC TO INCLUDE, HOWEVER, PROVISIONS THAT BOTH THE APPOINTMENT OF A SYG REPRESENTATIVE AND A DESCRIPTION OF HIS "DUTIES, POWERS AND FUNCTIONS" BE DETERMINED ONLY IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SC AND THE PARTIES TO THE ARMED CONFLICT.

3. BENIN (BOYA) DESCRIBED US/UK PROPOSAL AS "CONTAINING ELEMENTS WHICH COULDS SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS." BENIN THEN AGREED TO UK RESOLUTION. (COMMENT: PRIOR TO MEETING, TANZANIAN PERMREP SALIM TALKED BOYA OUT OF OFFERING AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE ADDED THE WORDS "AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO THE CONFLICT" AFTER THE WORD "APPOINT" IN FIRST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH).

4. US (YOUNG) REAFFIRMED US SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION AND "ANGLO-AFRICAN-AMERICAN PROPOSAL". HE REMINDED MEMBERS THAT AFRICAN INITIATIVES HAD REALLY BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR BOTH THE PROPOSAL AND THE CURRENT ACTIVE ROLE OF THE US IN THE PEACE PROCESS. YOUNG SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE MISGIVINGS OF THOSE WHO FEARED ANOTHER

CONGO OPERATION BUT NOTED THAT THE GREATLY INCREASED STRENGTH, INFLUENCE, COHESION AND EXPERIENCE OF AFRICAN STATES ACTING TOGETHER SHOULD PREVENT IN 1977 BREAK-DOWNS OF THE KIND THAT OCCURRED IN 1963. YOUNG SAID THAT THE INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION WHICH WAS GOAL OF CURRENT EFFORTS GIVES ZIMBABWE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A PERMANENT SOLUTION WITHOUT THE IN-FIGHTING AND DISORDER WHICH HAS ACCOMPANIED OTHER LIBERATION MOVEMENTS NOT FAVORED BY INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED SETTLEMENTS.

YOUNG SAID THAT SUPERPOWERS NOW RECOGNIZED THE FUTILITY OF TRYING TO MANIPULATE SOLUTIONS TO AFRICAN PROBLEMS WHICH WERE SO ENORMOUS THEY COULD ONLY BE APPROACHED WITH INTERNATIONAL UNITY. IN CLOSING, YOUNG
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SAID US HOPED SC COULD SUPPORT UK RESOLUTION AND, LATER, OVERALL PROPOSAL.

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5. INDIA, MAURITIUS, CANADA, FRANCE, PANAMA, VENEZUELA
AND PAKISTAN ALL THEN GAVE SHORT SPEECHES OF SUPPORT.
ROMANIA GAVE NON-COMMITAL STATEMENT AND UNDERScoreD
NEED FOR SC TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN SOLUTION OF
RHODESIAN CRISIS.
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6. UK THEN PRESSED FOR VOTE THAT SESSION BUT, CONSIDERING
THER WERE NO MORE SPEAKERS LISTED, PRESIDENT (FRG,
VON WECHMAR) SUSPENDED MEETING FOR CONSULTATIONS TO DETER-
MINE HOW DEBATE SHOULD PROCEED.

7. IN CONSULTATIONS OUTSIDE SC CHAMBER USSR (TROYANOVSKY)
PRESSED FOR POSTPONEMENT UNTIL 9:00 A.M. SEPTEMBER 30,
COMPLAINING THAT MEMBERS HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN SUFFICIENT
TIME TO CONSIDER TEXT. UK (RICHARD), SUMMONING IMPRESSIVE
ARRAY OF WIT, PRESSED EQUALLY HARD FOR DECISION SEPT.
28. COUNCIL DEBATED OPTIONS COVERING EVERY PERMUTATION
OF SEPTEMBER 28, 29 AND 30. LIBYA (KIKHIA) EFFECTIVELY
ARGUED THAT, WHILE MEMBERS HAD NOW HEARD NKOMO, THEY NEED-
ED TIME TO REFLECT ON HIS VIEWS AND MAKE SURE THEY WERE
ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED IN RESOLUTION. PRESIDENT THEN
SUGGESTED SEPTEMBER 29, AFTER PLENARY ADDRESS BY CHINESE
FOREIGN MINISTER (I.E. ABOUT 4:30). PRESIDENT ALSO SAID
HE HAD RECEIVED REQUEST BY KENYAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO
ADDRESS COUNCIL. SYG WALDHEIM THEN NOTED THAT HIS
RECEPTION WAS SCHEDULED FOR 6:30 SEPTEMBER 29. US (YOUNG)
SUGGESTED THAT COUNCIL COULD STILL MEET AFTERNOON
SEPT. 29 AND DRINK IN ROTATION. COUNCIL THEN AGREED
TO PROPOSAL BY PRESIDENT AND ADJOURNED.

8. COMMENT: WHILE LIBYANS AND OTHERS MAY HAVE VALID
NEED TO REFLECT AND CONSULT CAPITALS, SOVIET MOVE SEEMS
INSPIRED BY NEED TO NOT MAKE UK/US INITIATIVE LOOK TOO
EASY. BENIN AMENDMENT MAY VERY WELL REAPPEAR TOMORROW.
IF IT DOES AND IS ACCEPTED, IT COULD POSE OPPORTUNITIES
FOR MICHIEF LATER ON. KENYAN REQUEST TO SPEAK, IN

LIGHT FRONT-LINE PRESSURES NOT TO HAV MORE EXTERNAL
SPEAKERS, MAY REPRESENT ONLY FACT THAT THEY DID NOT
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9. TEXT OF RESOLUTION AS INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 28 FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND:
DRAFT RESOLUTION

THE SECURITY COUNCIL,

TAKING NOTE OF THE LETTERS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL DATED 1 SEPTEMBER (S/12393) AND 8 SEPTEMBER 1977
(S/12395) FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,

NOTING ALSO THE INVITATION TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN THE
LETTER DATED 23 SEPTEMBER 1977 (S/12402) TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
UNITED KINGDOM, TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE,

1. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE
TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS, WITH THE BRITISH RESIDENT
COMMISSIONER DESIGNATE AND WITH ALL THE PARTIES, CONCERNING THE
MILITARY AND ASSOCIATED ARRANGEMENTS THAT ARE CONSIDERED
NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN
SOUTHERN RHODESIA;

2. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TRANSMIT A REPORT
ON THE RESULT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE;

3. CALLS UPON ALL PARTIES TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE REPRESETNTATIVE
OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN THE CONDUCT OF THE DISCUSSIONS
REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS RESOLUTION.

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